

We Create Community



Molina Park Ground-Breaking Ceremony Held



Front Row: L-R: Parks and Recreation Commissioners Margo Morales, Ron Antonette, Stella Ursua, and David Zanatta; Janet Molina-Watts, 8th District Councilmember Al Austin, Mayor Robert Garcia, Ed Galigher, Intergal Communities; Councilmember Roberto Uranga, Parks, Recreation and Marine Director Marie Knight

On Saturday, January 28, a ground-breaking ceremony was held for the City's newest park, a 3.3-acre site named for Dr. David Molina, who passed away in 1996. C. David Molina Park is located at 4951 Oregon Avenue, and will feature a turf soccer field, playground, restroom facility, walking path, parking and landscaping.

As an emergency room physician in Long Beach, Dr. Molina treated low-income, uninsured and non-English speaking residents. Beginning in 1980 with a single clinic, he and his family built Molina Healthcare into a Fortune 500 company that today serves more than five million people across the country.

After working as a teacher, Dr. Molina started the City's first intensive care unit at Pacific Hospital in 1962, where he also served as the Director of the Emergency Department for 21 years. He also earned a grant to develop and train Firefighters to become the City's first Paramedics. Molina Healthcare is still headquartered in Long Beach, and the Molina children

now run the company and are active in the community. "Dr. Molina showed compassion to people who needed it the most," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "He cared for every patient like they were family, and I'm very proud that this park will add to his legacy as a champion of the community."

The park will have energy efficient lighting to provide additional hours of play for Long Beach sports groups. The walking path and fitness stations will encourage healthy outdoor exercise. The playground will feature dynamic universally-accessible play structures designated for youth 2 to 5 years old and 5 to 12 years old, as well as a climbing structure, safety surfacing and colorful shade structures. There will also be benches, bike racks, picnic tables, landscaping and parking.

C. David Molina Park is adjacent to land that was once home to the Will J. Reid Boy Scout Camp and is becoming a private residential development. The developer funded the public park, which will be operated by the Department of Parks, Recreation and Marine.



Mayor Robert Garcia addresses the audience.

ANIMAL CARE SERVICES UPDATE

Animal Care Services Open House Showcases Resources for People and Animals



Long Beach Animal Care Services (ACS) hosted their annual Open House on January 28 to showcase improvements at the shelter, highlight partnerships and opportunities, and provide information about animal care programs.

Mayor Garcia detailed ACS's accomplishments from 2016, which included reductions in impounds and euthanasia rates, and increases in live release rates. "Thanks to our hard-working staff, dedicated volunteers, partners, rescue groups and the community, 2016 was a record-setting year for saving animals in our city," said Mayor Garcia. "I'm looking forward to working with the community this year to achieve even better results for our shelter."

City Auditor Laura Doud announced an upcoming shelter audit requested by Mayor Garcia. "We're looking for an animal-care expert to help with best practices in shelter management and veterinary services," said Ms. Doud. "We will be coming to the public to hear ideas of how Long Beach, can meet these best practices."

Mayor Garcia presented awards to recognize outstanding organizations and volunteers.

April Devane was named ACS Volunteer of the Year for her passion and dedication to caring for our city's animals at the shelter.



Eagle Scout Chris Williams was recognized for his efforts to build a chicken coop at the shelter.



CatPAWS Cat Rescue Shelter cofounder Deborah Feline, received the One Too Many Award, for her efforts to supply bottle-feeding kits for volunteers to use to nourish newborn kittens. She also obtained spay/neuter vouchers for shelter kittens when they are of age.



Several Shelter volunteers were honored - L-R: ACS Manager Ted Stevens; Photo Assistant Dee Glick, Pamala Machado, who teaches ACS's level-two volunteer classes; Mayor Robert Garcia; Pauline Standish, volunteer with shelter dogs; John Czopek, who volunteers with the shelter's Cat Cottage and cats in Pet Food Express's permanent shelter-cat condos; and Ricky Kim, all around great volunteer. Not pictured: Volunteer photographer George Themelis because he was taking the picture!



Open House guests were able to tour the new custom-outfitted mobile adoption vehicle donated by Deborah Felin-Magaldi. The vehicle will transport shelter animals to offsite locations for adoption events and can be used in emergency situations as a temporary animal shelter.

ANIMAL CARE SERVICES UPDATE

LB Animal Care Services Continues Improving With Another Record Year in 2016

The Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Animal Care Services Bureau (ACS) achieved another record year in 2016 with regards to saving animals. The following year-end statistics show increasing progress being made at the animal shelter and are the best numbers ever reported:

- ◆ Over 1,100 fewer cats and were dogs impounded at the shelter in 2016, a 15% reduction compared to 2015. Additionally, impounds of cats and dogs has been reduced by close to 38% since 2011, just five years ago.
- ◆ Euthanasia saw another steep decline with 717 fewer dogs and cats euthanized in 2016 compared to 2015. This represents a reduction of 27% for dogs and 31% for cats.
- ◆ Compared to five years ago, euthanasia for dogs and cats is down 70%, representing over 3,850 fewer dogs and cats euthanized.
- ◆ 2016 live release rates of over 85% for dogs and 54% for cats compared to only 83% for dogs and 54% for cats in 2015. The live release rate in 2011 was only 72% for dogs and 20% for cats. The Live Release Rate is the percentage of animals that come to the shelter and leave with a positive outcome such as return to owner, adoption or transfer to a rescue organization.

"I am proud of the Long Beach community for stepping up to support our local shelter," said Mayor Robert Garcia. "Through community engagement and partnerships with nonprofit groups, we've been able to reduce animal overpopulation and give more pets forever homes."

ACS achieved its best year thanks to all the hard work of staff, volunteers, partner groups, local rescues and the entire Long Beach community.

Some of the most notable improvements in 2016 include:

- ◆ The construction of a new outdoor "Catio" play area for adoptable cats, made possible thanks to a generous donation by the Florence Jones Trust.
- ◆ A new mobile adoption vehicle was also made possible thanks to a very generous donation.
- ◆ A new medical suite was installed and constructed, thanks to the Friends of Long Beach Animals (FOLBA)
- ◆ Continued with the third year of our community cat program with the Stray Cat Alliance, saving the lives of hundreds of community cats.
- ◆ Offered bottle feeding kits for residents wanting to assist with kittens found in their community, thanks to donations from Helen Sanders Cat Paws.

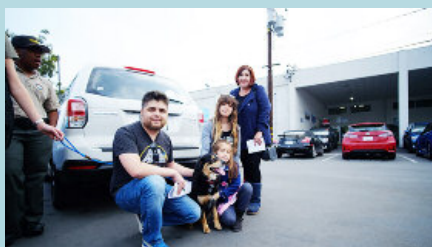
"We continue to look for new partnerships, programs and innovative ways to help save lives, such as the mobile adoption vehicle to help increase adoptions, and the recently launched Twitter feed #LBLostFoundPets, to help reunite lost pets with their owners," noted Ted Stevens, Manager of Animal Care Services. "We look forward to reaching more milestones in the future and continue to reduce pet overpopulation and find new forever homes for animals at the shelter."



Low Cost Pet Vaccination and Licensing Clinics



"Kitty Hall" Cat Adoption Event



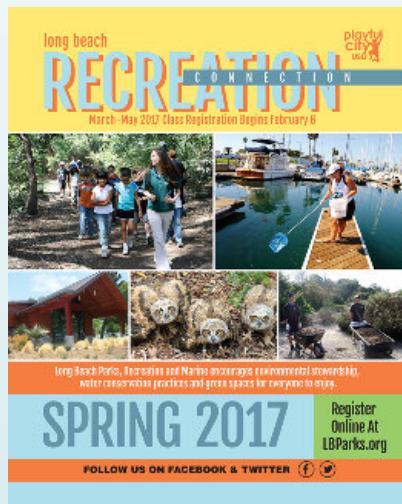
Timmons Subaru "Share the Love" program donated \$250 to ACS for every Subaru sold or leased.



ACS partners with Wings of Rescue and other non-profits who fly dogs and cats to other states where forever homes are waiting.

COMMUNITY RECREATION SERVICES UPDATE

Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine Spring Class Registration



Looking for ways to grow and learn new skills this spring? Long Beach Parks, Recreation and Marine (LBPRM) offers more than three hundred unique classes to satisfy your every hobby and interest. The Spring Recreation Connection has detailed information on courses for youth, teens, adults, and our 50+ citizens, which are offered in a variety of subjects including Art & Cultural,

Dance, Music, Enrichment, Fitness, Sports, and more. The Recreation Connection is available now in all public libraries and park community centers, and on-line at www.lbparks.org.



New classes for **preschoolers** are Baby and Tot Sign Language, Spanish Parent and Me Playgroup, Spanish, Movement and Art; and Tiny Tots Soccer.

Youth can sign up for new classes including art camp focusing on desert landscapes held during spring break April 17-21; Drawing Studio, Project Based Writing and Course Play Golf.



New **Adult** classes include Get a Job Faster with Networking, Speaking Geek, Beauty Make up Fundamentals. Build Your Own 72-House Survival Back pack, and Practical Tools for Every Parent.



Adults ages 50+ can meet new people and stay fit with dance classes including ballroom, line dance and round dance. ® Zumba, "Firm, Fit and Flexible," and Gentle Yoga. "Vice Class," will help you to learn how to sing and improve your speaking voice.

LBPRM's dog training classes can help four legged family members with obedience, manners and even becoming great flying disc players.

It's easy to register:

On Line: Visit <http://activenet.active.com/lbparks> or follow the link at www.lbparks.org. Click on the "request an account" button.

By FAX to 562.570.3113

By Mail: Send completed form and payment (with address, phone number and class #(s) on check) to: City of Long Beach, 2760 Studebaker Road, Long Beach, Ca 90815

In person: Bring completed form and payment to office, Monday-Friday 8 a.m. –5 p.m. Office closed May 29. For more information call 562.570.3111.

By the Numbers: Community Recreation Services December 2016

Permits to Gather.....	30
Reserved Picnic Sites.....	4
Number of Contract Classes.....	139
Facility Use Permits Issued.....	70
Field Use Permits Issues.....	79
El Dorado Regional Park Annual Passes.....	399
El Dorado Regional Park Paid Entries.....	4,671
Adult Sports League Participants.....	3,632
Visits to City Pools.....	9,086
Youth and Teen Participants.....	38,161
Senior Citizen Participants.....	34,112
Visits to El Dorado Nature Center.....	14,273

Fast, Fluid and Flexible: LBPRM Manages Flood Effects

All Parks, Recreation and Marine employees hope for drought relief, but the all-time Long Beach rain record of 3.87 inches on January 22 it was too much, too fast.



PRM staff did what they could to manage the effects of the heavy rain. Beach Maintenance and Marine Maintenance staff prepared ahead of time with constant sand replenishment in low-lying areas and building up sand berms to protect Peninsula

homes. They also kept the beach bike and pedestrian paths clear. During and after the storm Grounds Maintenance staff removed multiple downed trees and pumped out flooded areas around park facilities and trails.



The Department Administration Building in El Dorado Park sustained serious flood damage which created the need for staff to vacate while new dry wall is installed and carpet repairs are made. On the night of the storm, dozens of employees came to work, some with family members, and started to pick up items off of the floor in every office, pump out an atrium, and start the cleanup process. In

other parts of the city, several community centers including Houghton Park experienced leaks and flooding. El Dorado Nature Center closed flooded trails, including the paved whole access trail, that was under two feet of water.



The PRM Management team worked quickly to identify off site locations for staff to keep critical operations up and running, and work groups together as much as possible. Facility Maintenance staff set up electrical power for temporary staff work stations at the El Dorado Community Center Library. LBPRM is grateful for the Department of Technology and Innovation staff who assisted displaced staff by connecting phones and computers in the new locations, and making sure that all equipment was up and running.

Temporary Service Locations for the Public

The public reservation/front counter operations have been moved into the front lobby office area of the nearby El Dorado Senior Center, 2800 Studebaker Road, until the building can be reopened in approximately two months.

All phones have been forwarded, allowing staff to be reached at their same office number. All on-line services are functioning.

By the Numbers: Maintenance Operations Bureau January 2016

Community Service Workers (CSW) program

Total number of persons enrolled in the program for January...	169
Total number of CSW Hours for January.....	2,782
Total number of hours worked at Queensway Bay.....	6
<i>(Water cleanup, debris removal, litter pickup)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Beach Maintenance.....	383
<i>(Litter pickup along beach areas, parking lots, Belmont Pool area, Ocean Blvd., Peninsula area and maintenance yard)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Marine Maintenance.....	527
<i>(Litter pickup at Belmont Pier, maintenance building, and custodial work)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at El Dorado Park areas.....	306
<i>(Litter pickup, custodial and facility sites including Tree Farm and Night Crew)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Tree Farm.....	84
<i>(Litter pickup, custodial and facility)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at Los Cerritos Wetlands.....	346
<i>(Litter pickup and vegetation removal of Sims Pond, Golden Shore, Colorado Lagoon and other Various Wetlands)</i>	
Total number of hours worked at special clean-ups.....	1,130
<i>(Neighborhood clean-ups, graffiti paint-outs and community events)</i>	

During the month of January the program continued to operate efficiently with Community Service Workers playing a key role in helping the Department meet its objectives.

Work orders completed.....	545
Restrooms cleaned on a daily basis bureau wide.....	172
Facilities and Gymnasiums cleaned and stocked daily.....	28

Park acres maintained

Park turf.....	814
Park landscape.....	2,310
Street (medians) turf.....	53
Street landscape.....	143

Water Use:

MOB GP105 Water cost & Consumption for December.	
Parks and Street Island Potable.....	19,243.....\$82,980
Parks and Street Island Reclaimed.....	17,150.....\$34,159

Know Your Long Beach Park: Bouton Creek Park



Bouton Creek Park is located south of Ather-ton Street and north of the Bouton Creek storm channel be-tween Tulane and Litchfield Avenues.

The park follows a por-tion of the former loca-tion of Bouton Creek, which was converted into a storm drain chan-nel. The channel con-tinues east past Whaley Park and through the CSULB

campus to Los Cerritos Channel, then west to Clark Av-enue where it turns north and enters the southern portion of Long Beach Airport.

It is a passive park with a playground, picnic tables and benches.

The Home Investment Company, headed by Lloyd S. Whaley, donated the .85-acre park to the City of Long Beach in 1965.



M.L.King Jr. Park Hosts Day of Service



Martin Luther King Jr. Park hosted a rally to start the 2017 Long Beach MLK National Day of Service on January 16. The day was organized by Leadership Long Beach, along with Vice Mayor Rex Richardson, Councilman Dee Andrews and a variety of community partners.

More than 250 residents participated in seven service projects to make it a "Day On," not a "Day Off." The rally featured a pancake breakfast provided by the Long Beach Firefighters Association.

Welcomes by Vice Mayor Richardson and Councilman Andrews and a morning prayer by Pastor Gregory Sanders of the Rock Christian Fellowship energized the crowd to the messages of Dr. King and the goals of giving service on the holiday.



Employee of the Month: Jorge Acevedo



Parks, Recreation and Marine's (LBPRM) new Electrician, Jorge Acevedo joined the Maintenance and Development Bureau's Facility Maintenance Division in August, 2015. He was recently named the Department's "Employee of the Month."

Jorge oversees electrical related repairs in all City parks and marinas. The work often involves assisting other City De-

partments such as Technology Services and Public Works in the projects.

Jorge has been instrumental in making the City's annual "READYLBC" Community Emergency Preparedness Expo a success. Jorge oversees the transport of all event generators from small to very large to the Heartwell Park events site, and connects the electrical power.

Jorge exemplifies the "PRM WAY." He is a great team player as he constantly assists City staff without hesitation. He has proven to be a true asset for Parks, Recreation and Marine and the entire City.

Before coming to work at the City of Long Beach, Jorge served in the United States Marine Corps. Jorge has two daughters and enjoys camping, hiking, and running.

Rancho Los Cerritos House Docent Training



Rancho Los Cerritos at 4600 Virginia Road will conduct training sessions for persons who wish to become House Docents beginning on March 8 for eight consecutive Wednesdays. All Sessions begin at 6 p.m.

This in-depth training covers California and Rancho history from Native American times through the 1940s, as well as adobe architecture, decorative arts, and interpretation techniques. Learn about the people who lived and worked at the Rancho and how they contributed to the growth of Southern California, then share your knowledge and enthusiasm with visitors as a tour guide.

For more information, call (562) 206-2040 or email rancho@rancholoscerritos.org.



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<p>PARK DAY CAMPS FEES: \$105</p> <p>El Dorado West • 562.570.3225 Silverado • 562.570.1675</p> <p>Stearns Champions Creative Arts Camp • 562.570.1685 Veterans • 562.570.1695</p> <p>HIGH FIVE SPORTS CAMP FEES: \$105</p> <p>Pan American • 562.570.1660</p> <p>MUSIC & ARTS CAMP FEES: \$110</p> <p>Whaley Park • 562.570.1710</p> <p>Online registration strongly recommended</p>	<p>PEE WEE CAMP FEES: \$105</p> <p>AGES 5 - 8</p> <p>Wardlow • 562.570.1705</p> <p>AQUATICS DAY CAMPS</p> <p>Belmont Junior Beach Camp (ages 5-7) \$155</p> <p>Bayshore Beach Camp (ages 8-12) \$455</p> <p>Bay Club Teen Camp (ages 13-15) \$120</p> <p>Counselor in Training Camp (ages 14-17) \$310/3 WKS</p> <p>562.570.1888</p>
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- 2 Click on the "Request an Account" button.
- 3 Fill in your information, then click "Submit" (or click "Submit and Add Family Member" to register more people at the same address.)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February

Sat. 11	9 a.m.	Great Backyard Bird Count	El Dorado Nature Center
	6 p.m.	* Romances at the Rancho Tours	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sun. 12	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Tue. 14	10 a.m.	* Tu/Th Preschool in Nature Classes Begin	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 15	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
	10 a.m.	* Tu/Th Preschool in Nature Classes Begin	El Dorado Nature Center
	5:30 p.m.	Beach Concession Building Improvement Meeting	Leeway Sailing Center
Th. 16	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission	El Dorado Senior Center
	5:30 p.m.	Beach Concession Building Improvement Meeting	Blxby Park
Fri. 17	9 a.m.	Volunteer Docent Training	Rancho Los Cerritos
Sat. 18	10 a.m.	* Wetland Warriors Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
Mon 20		President's Day Holiday	
Mon 27	9:30 a.m.	* Bubble! Fizz! Boom! Preschool Science Class	El Dorado Nature Center

March

Wed. 1:	Open Hours	Youth Indoor Soccer Leagues Sign Ups Begin	Community Parks
Sat. 4	10 a.m.	* First Saturday Stewards Cleanup	El Dorado Nature Center
	1 p.m.	Creation Station Youth Art Program	Rancho Los Cerritos
	2 p.m.	California Native Plant Class	El Dorado Nature Center
	Varies	Eight-week Sat. Swim Lessons Begin	King Park Pool
	Varies	Eight-week Sat. Swim Lessons Begin	Silverado Park Pool
Mon 6	Varies	Four-week M/W Swim Lessons Begin	Silverado Park Pool
Tue. 7	Varies	Four-week Tu/Th Swim Lessons Begin	King Park Pool
Wed. 8	6 p.m.	Eight-week House Docent Training Begins	Rancho Los Cerritos
	Open Hours	Leeway Sailing Center Spring Camp Registration	4320 Olympic Plaza or 2760 Studebaker Road
Th. 9	2:30 p.m.	Marine Advisory Commission	Long Beach Yacht Club
Sun. 12	8 a.m.	Audubon Bird Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Mon. 13	Varies	Four-week M/W Swim Lessons Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
Tue. 14	Varies	Four-week T/Th Swim Lessons Begin	Belmont Plaza Pool
	7 p.m.	* Family Nightlife Walk	El Dorado Nature Center
Wed. 15	9 a.m.	Senior Citizen Advisory Commission	Long Beach Senior Center
	10 a.m.	Parent & Me Workshop: Little Leprechauns	El Dorado Nature Center
Th. 16	9 a.m.	Parks and Recreation Commission	El Dorado Senior Center
Fri. 17		St. Patrick's Day	
Sat. 18	10 a.m.	* Wetland Warriors Cleanup	Golden Shore Marine Reserve
Tue. 21	10 a.m.	* Preschool in Nature Classes Begin	El Dorado Nature Center
Sat. 25	10 a.m.	* Lecture - Culinary Historian Richard Foss	Rancho Los Cerritos

***Call for registration and fee information.**



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